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| In re Application of          | ) |                                |
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| Kumar et al.                  | ) | Art Unit: 1637                 |
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| Application No. 10/072,666    | ) | Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru |
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| For: DETECTION METHOD USING   | ) |                                |
| DISSOCIATED ROLLING           | ) |                                |
| CIRCLE AMPLIFICATION          | ) |                                |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 19, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

**Remarks**

Claims 1-138 are pending. Claims 137 and 138 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant gratefully acknowledges withdrawal of the prior rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1, 12-113 and 118-136 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kingsmore et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,531,283). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

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